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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS-RELATED VISIT OF MALAYSIAN UNIVERSITY
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1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY DR. V. NAVARATNAM, OF THE CENTER FOR POLICY RESEARCH OF THE UNIVERSITY SAINS, PENANG, THAT TAN SRI JHAJI HAMDAN BIN SHEIKH TAHIR, VICE CHANCELLOR (I.E., EQUIVALENT OF PRESIDENT) OF UNIVERSITY SAINS, WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES IN LATE MAY AND EARLY JUNE AND THAT HE PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 29-30. RECOGNIZING THAT MAY 29 IS A HOLIDAY, NAVARATNAM HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR TAN SRI HAMDAN WITH AS MANY OF THE FOLLOWING AS ARE AVAILABLE: DR. PETER BOURNE, MATHEA FALCO AND EITHER DR. PIERRE DUPONT OR DR. JEAN PAUL SMITH OF NIDA.

2. TAN SRI HAMDAN IS A MEMBER OF THE GOM CABINET COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE AND HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH. (DR. NAVARATNAM'S CENTER FOR POLICY RESEARCH HAS DONE SEVERAL MAJOR STUDIES ON
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DRUG ABUSE IN MALAYSIA). IN HIS APPOINTMENTS HE WOULD LIKE A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF US EFFORTS TO COMBAT NARCOTICS ABUSE WITH A PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH. HE WILL PROBABLY ALSO WANT TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE USG ASSISTANCE FOR A UN-SPONSORED SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGIONAL DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH CENTER AT HIS UNIVERSITY (SEE REFTTEL

B FOR FURTHER DETAILS).

3. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS REQUEST AND ASK THAT THE DEPT. ATTEMPT TO MAKE AS MANY APPOINTMENTS AS POSSIBLE. AS NOTED REFTEL A, NAVARATNAM HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE CONTACT POINT FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO THE MALAYSIAN NARCOTICS EFFORT AND HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO US. WHILE IT IS STILL IN THE FORMATIVE STAGES, THE REGIONAL DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH PROJECT COULD BECOME AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR DEMAND REDUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE AREA. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO TAN SRI HAMDAN SHOULD CONTACT AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. WE WILL PROVIDE THE DEPT. WITH HIS EXACT ITINERARY AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.
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